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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

AOKI et al.

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

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FOR: FUEL TANK WELDING JOINT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed are a PTO-1449 and copies of references for the Examiner's review. The Japanese reference is cited in the specification and has an English language abstract for the Examiner's convenience.

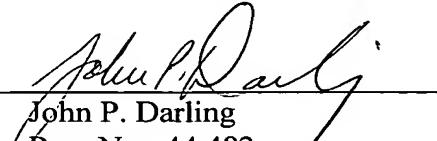
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Consideration of the foregoing plus the return of a copy of the PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited.

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